Wednesday, *the* *9th February 1944* / *27th Makaram 1119*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir G. T. Boag, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

Messrs. L. M. Pylee, V. J. Mathai, C. Kunjan Nambudiripad, Ephraim Ouseph and Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STAMPED ENVELOPES—STOCK—PARTICULARS REGARDING

123. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are Government aware of the inconvenience and loss caused to the public by want of sufficient stock of stamped envelopes in our Anchal Offices;

(*b*) will Government kindly explain the reasons for the scarcity;

(*c*) do Government realise that by this policy, the public are being compelled to provide themselves with blank covers;

(*d*) have not Government recently raised the anchal rates;

(*e*) then why do Government not supply the public with enough stamped envelopes;

(*f*) will Government be pleased to remedy this soon?

Mr. I. Madhava Panicker *(Joint Secretary to Government)* :

(*a*) There has not been any representation made to Government so far about the inconvenience.

(*b*) The difficulties to get the special quality of paper in sufficient quantities and the delay in transport.

(*c*) In such circumstances some inconvenience is inevitable.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Please see answer to (*b*) above.

(*f*) Government are making all efforts to supply anchal covers in sufficient quantities.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: What is the special quality of paper which the Government refer to in answer to sub-section (*b*) ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: The paper ordinarily used for these covers is specially made and it is thicker and stronger.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Have the Government considered the desirability of making covers with inferior quality of paper as is done by the Travancore Government ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: It will be more convenient and safe to make covers with paper of better quality.

Mr. President: The supply of all qualities of paper is short.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: If paper of the requisite quality is not available, can't the Government make an attempt to make these covers with paper approaching the standard quality of paper ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: That is exactly what we are doing.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Are we stamping these covers here ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: It is not done here.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Did the Anchal Masters report to the Government that they are not able to meet the demand of the public ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: That is why we have asked them to use some discretion in the matter of selling these covers.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: It is stated in the answer that there has not been any representation made to Government so far about the inconvenience ! How do you reconcile these two statements ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: No representations were received before the receipt of the question.

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Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* May I know roughly by what time the Government would be in a position to supply the requisite number of covers ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* We can't say definitely when it will be possible.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Can we not have these envelopes made from ordinary paper ? What is the difficulty ?

Mr. President : The supply of all qualities of paper is short.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Are the Anchal Masters to decide as to how many letters we should write ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* If the supply is limited some sort of restriction is required. Otherwise the supply will be completely denied to many.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* This is worse than denying.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Are the Government aware that the Central Government at Delhi is commandeering from the paper mills ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. We are getting paper like that.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Shall I take it, Sir, that our Government have not been able to secure the requisite papar for these covers from that quota ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It is not only the question of getting paper. In the matter of transport also there is difficulty.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it the view of the Government that we must write less letters ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It will be very much appreciated. if it is done.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* May I take it that the point of complaint forming the subject-matter of this question is that at one particular moment the number that is generally supplied has been limited to one.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

GRAZING GROUNDS—PAUCITY OF

124. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu) :* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the paucity of grazing grounds even in places like the suburbs of Vadakkancheri and such places very near forest areas and if so ;

(*b*) whether they will consider the very urgent necessity of leaving out areas for the purpose as absolutely essential for the welfare of the cattle ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar) :*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The necessary action is being taken in the matter.

Mr. K. M. Ibrhim *(Cranganur):* May I know what is the line of action that is being taken by the Government ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The line of action is, certain cattle grazing grounds were encroached upon without the sanction of the Government under the Food Production Scheme. Those encroachments are being removed soon after the one year's period for which encroachments have been allowed is over. And whenever new applications are received, those are not sanctioned.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to inform the House whether there is any public grazing ground in the Azhikode village ?

Mr. President: I suggest to the hon'ble member that that does not arise out of this question. If the hon'ble member wishes to get information on that point the hon'ble member will better give notice of another question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur) :* Is not the question .....

Mr. President: Order, order. This is the time for questions and answers.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur) :* Is not the question for supplying information on the grazing grounds in places like Vadakkancheri, etc. Is not the question like that ?

Mr. President: Order, order.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamagalam) :* Is it not a fact that a hill or a mount has been reserved for the purpose of grazing in Nemmara ?

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